

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2001-105-C - ORDER NO. 2001-398

APRIL 30, 2001

IN RE: Application of EZ Talk Communications,)	ORDER APPROVING
LLC for Approval of Flexible Regulations of)	FLEXIBLE
its Local Exchange Services.)	REGULATION



This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of EZ Talk Communications, LLC (EZ Talk) for approval of flexible regulation of its local exchange services. The flexible regulation would consist of a rate structure incorporating maximum rate levels for its local exchange service offerings with the flexibility for adjustment below the maximum rate levels in keeping with the procedures established for flexible regulation in Order No. 98-165 in Docket No. 97-467-C. Also, EZ Talk requests that its local exchange tariff filings be presumed valid upon filing, subject to the Commission's right within thirty (30) days to institute an investigation of the tariff filing, in which case such tariff filings would be suspended pending further order of the Commission; and that any tariff filings will be subject to the same monitoring process as similarly situated competitive local exchange carriers.

Upon the instructions of the Commission's Executive Director, a Notice of Filing was sent through the Commission's subscription service to the service's subscribers. No Petitions to Intervene or Protests were filed. We will therefore dispose of the matter summarily.

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Flexible regulation such as that applied for by EZ Talk has been granted successfully to a number of carriers since the original issuance of Order No. 98-165 in Docket No. 97-467-C. This type of regulation promotes competition in the telecommunications industry. We therefore approve the request as filed.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)